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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Mr. Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate
Armed Services Committee, on the Agency Budget

1. Colonel White and Messrs. Colby, Maury and [] had lunch with Ed Braswell today and Colonel White brought him up-to-date on the various meetings which the Director and he have had with our Subcommittee chairmen and arrangements that have been made []

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[] Braswell said Senator Stennis was quite pleased that this had been worked out and added that this would make matters much simpler for the chairmen in the future.

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3. I told Mr. Braswell that State Department had prepared a report to Senate Foreign Relations Committee on S. Res. 192 (Senator Symington's proposal to establish a select committee to oversee CIA and those activities under the responsibility of U.S. ambassadors abroad). I mentioned that

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we had raised with State the constitutional issue which this would create if the select committee would have access to communications between the President and his personal representatives abroad. I also pointed out the jurisdictional problem which we assumed this would create for the Armed Services Committee if it delegated to the four members of its Committee who would be appointed to the select committee the authority to act on all matters pertaining to the Agency. This resolution has been referred jointly to the Foreign Relations and the Armed Services Committee and cannot be taken up on the Senate floor until it has been considered and reported by both.

Acting Legislative Counsel

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